

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 5-7 are pending in this application, of which claim 7 has been withdrawn from consideration and claim 2 has been amended. No new claims have been added.

Regarding the newly-added limitation to claim 2, the "at least" phrase has been deleted in view of the Examiner's suggestion. The metal plating can transmit X-rays of electromagnetic radiation, of which the wavelength is 0.1 ~ several hundreds angstroms. This claim limitation is supported on page 9, lines 3-8 of the specification.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 2-3 and 5-6, as amended, are in condition for further examination, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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